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YEAR ONE
DETECTIVE COMICS

BATMAN

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QUESTIONS!

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I'M SICK
OF ALL YOUR
QUESTIONS!

PRYING

NEEDLING

RENUITATING

SO OBVIOUS
AND TACTLESS

QUIT THE
WORTHLESS
QUIZZING!

I WILL EXPLAIN
IN FULL WHAT YOU, IN
THE DEPTHS OF YOUR
IGNORANCE, STRUGGLE
TO UNDERSTAND FROM ME

THE PATHOS
THE VIOLENCE
THE GENIUS

THIS IS AN
EPIC OF
LACONIC AND
MURDER LET
ME TELL
YOU

ONCE
UPON A
CRIME...



QUESTIONS MULTIPLY THE MYSTERY

"I'LL SHARE WITH YOU MY
HARDEST THOUGHTS AND
LONGEST REGRETS."

LIKE THE EXTRAORDINARY
ADVENTURES

WHAT A SWEET SCENE
THAT WAS GOING TO BE

DIDN'T THE
BATMAN.



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WE ALWAYS
GET LUCKY



ALWAYS BEING
BOBBED BY EVERY
MOM



BUT THIS ISN'T
BATMAN'S STORY!



IF EVEN IF I HAD
TO, I WOULD
LAP THE
SCHOOL TIMES

CHILDREN A
VERY SPECIAL
REQUIREMENT
FOR YOU

A PUZZLE.

WAS NOTHING
WAS MY SIXTH
GRADE TEACHER

IT'S A
GREAT
PUZZLE.

BUT IT'S
ALSO A
TEST

KNOW YOUR

BLACKEN THE
KING

TOMORROW YOU'LL
BE TAKEN IN TURN
TO THE TEACHERS'
COUNCIL

A SENSITIVE
WILL BE HERE TO
MONITOR YOU HE
WANTS TO SEE HOW
DEARLY YOU CAN
PUT THIS PUZZLE
TOGETHER

THE STUDENT TO PUT
THE PUZZLE TOGETHER
IN THE FASTEST TIME
WILL BE HONORED
AT NEXT WEEK'S
ASSEMBLY

AND
NOT ONLY
THAT.

THE WINNER
WILL RECEIVE A
PRIZE



BUT WHAT
CHANCE DID
I HAVE?

A MEDICINE
STUDENT, A CARELESS
KID, AS FORGETTABLE AS
THE CAPITAL OF
OHIO.



TELL
YOU A
SECRET...



I'M AN ONLY
CHILD.

LOTS OF TIMES
I'D HEAR MY PARENTS
FIGHTING, ONE NIGHT
I CRAWLED OUT OF BED
AND LISTENED.



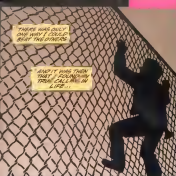
THEY WERE
BLAMING EACH
OTHER FOR
SOMETHING.

REALLY GOING
AT IT, DISHES
AND PANG
FLYING.



KNOW
WHAT?

THEY WERE
BLAMING EACH
OTHER FOR
AIDS.



"THERE WAS ONLY
ONE WAY I COULD
BEAT THE OTHERS."

"AND IT WAS THEN
THAT I REALIZED
THEY CALLED ME IN
LIFE..."



"CAST TOWNS"



"I PUT THE PUZZLE
TOGETHER AFTER
THIRTY MINUTES."



"AND THEN
I GOT FEELING."



"THIRTY FIVE"



"THIRTY SEVEN."

"I ASSEMBLED THE
PEOPLE SIX TIMES
IN A ROW IN UNDER
ONE MINUTE."

"I THOUGHT THAT
WOULD BE ENOUGH
EACH AND THE PRIZE"



BUT ALL
ALREADY IS
ALMIGHTY

A WEEK
LATER I WAS
A MEMBER
AGAIN



"EVERYTHING
WAS THE SAME
AS IT WAS"



"I KNOW THAT
THE BRILLIANT
NOW NOTICED
AND"





MY BRINY MY BRINY MY BRINY

MINE!



RUN, RUN, RUN.

ALL I DID IS RUN.



I'VE TRIED
UP IT REALLY
I AM.

NOW...
WANTED
HARD I F

THE
CONTRAST
RIGHT U
THE STUPID
PUZZLE



YES, MY
EVENTLESS
CHILDHOOD WAS OVER
THOUGH NOTHING
OUTWARD HAD
CHANGED.

I HAD
WON THE
PRIZE.



"A BOOK MADE
LIKE A GOODMAN
ACTUALLY"



"I DEVELOPED IT WITH THE
STAFF OF MY FAVORITE
MAGAZINE ON MY BEHALF"

"IT WASN'T
MYSTERY AND
ADVENTURE"



"I HAD TO REUSE EVERYTHING
I HAD FOR ADVICE ABOUT
PUZZLES AND TRAPS AND
TRICKS"

"MY FAVORITE
SUBJECT WAS
THE GREAT
SCOTT"



"OLD PEOPLE
AND I SHARE
A TALENT"

"THE BOOK
CAME"



"THE SECRET TO A GOOD BOOK
IS ADDING THE SOLUTION AFTER
YOU'VE FINISHED"



"WELL, AT
LEAST, IT WAS
A SUCCESSFUL
ATTEMPT"

...A SKILL THAT
COMES WITH TIME



...WONDERFUL...WONDERFUL...



...AND



HE
WASN'T
FABRIC!

HE CAME
LATER... AFTER
I LEFT SCHOOL.



...AT THAT I COULD... THE
MOMENT I WAS... I WAS...

...A PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE
OF SOCIETY, AND THE
MOMENT I WAS...

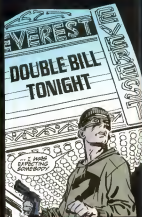
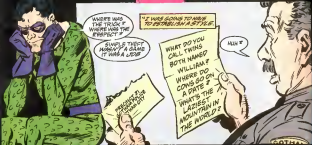


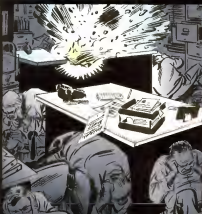
Speedy
DELIVERY



"I'VE BEEN
KILL"









"IT WAS CLOUTIER.
I ALMOST DIED."

"THE CIVIL GUARDIANS
AND COOPER WERE
DISCHARGED. A
BOMB BLAST WITH
LAST CHANCE TO
SHOOT FIRST."



"BUT THE PLAN
STAYED THERE."

"I'D HEARD ABOUT HIM
IN THE THEATERS."

"I THOUGHT HE WAS
JUST AN ORDINARY
LEADER. A SYSTEMIC
ROCKSTAR."

"LIKE A BIRD ALIGHTING
IN THE SHADOWS, ON THE
CHICKEN'S CHICKENMAN."

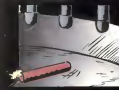
"I'M THE
PROBLEM!"

"NOT I."

"WHAT ARE
YOU DISGUISED
AS? THE
QUESTION
MARK? THE
QUIZMASTER?"

"BUT HE WAS
ALWAYS ALL
RIGHT."

"GOD!"





These guys aren't even a bit different

"THE BURNING WAS
NO FLARE OF THE
SUN"



OH, I'D PROVE
MY WORTH TO HIM

I WASN'T GOING
TO PLAY SECOND
FIDDLE TO THE
JOKER OR
TWO-FACE OR
ANY OF THE
HIGHWOMENS



THE BATMAN
AND SAINT AND
DEVIL TONS

A FOOL TO
WATCH BITE
AGAINST, BUT AN
ADVERSARY TO
BE WORTHY OF



YOU DON'T THINK
I CREATE MY RIDDLES
BECAUSE I WANT TO
BE CAUGHT

WHAT NAIVE,
PEDESTAL-THINKING



SO HIS CRIME IS
PERFORMANCE
ART?

AND THAT'S
WHAT YOU
PECHO BARBLENS
SHARE WITH THE
TARNS OF THE
WORLD?

LACK OF
HONOR?





"MY PROBLEM WITH THE STATION COMMANDER, ALRIGHT? AND ALRIGHT, BURN THEM DOWN."

"INTELLECTUALLY AND ARTISTICALLY ONE-BORED."



"BUT I HAD COMED TO GATHER MONIES FOR MY NEXT GAMING ON MY OWN."

"I DID IT THE OLD FASHIONED WAY, LIKE THE STEAK UPS AND NOW, A BIT MORE."



"I HAD ASSIGNED MYSELF YOUR BRONZ CARROT."



"BUT DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, ALRIGHT IS A."



"WELL, STOP A MOMENT FOR SOMETHING AND LET IT BE."

"REMEMBER SOME?"

"HAND OVER THE CASH."

"BURN."

"I HAD THE
PLAN, I HAD
THE GUN."



"GURTY AND BOB
WERE UNDER
RECOVERED, IF
A BIT ON THE
WILD SIDE."

"ALL THAT WAS
LEFT WAS THE
PUSHEMENT."



"READY
GIRLS?"

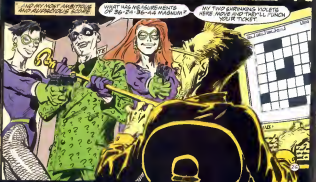
"WE
WERE."

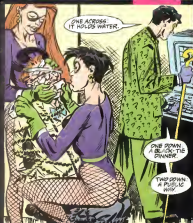
"READY
GIRLS?"

"AND MY NEXT ASSASSINATE
AND ASSASSINATOR'S BLOOD."

"WHAT WAS MEASUREMENTS
OF 26-24-36-44 MAGNUM?"

"MY TWO SHIRAZING VIOLETS
WERE ABOVE AND THEY'LL PUNCH
YOUR TIT."





ONE ACROSS:
IT HOLDS WATER.

ONE DOWN:
A BLACK-TIE
DINNER.

TWO DOWN:
A PLUS-10
WOLF.



TWO ACROSS: AN
INTERDISCUSSION.

THREE DOWN:
OVER THE
DAM.



"SUNSHINE'S
OF THEM
AND THEIR?"

IT WAS BRID
TUBBERRY. IT'S
FROM AN OLD
ENGLISH
KNIGHT.

NEVER
HUNG GOOD AT
THOSE THINGS
LIEUTENANT.



I USED TO
DO THEM ON
STAKEOUTS.

THIS RIDDLE'S A STONE
BEYOND. WE GOING TO BRING
THE WOLF SOLDIER IN ON
THIS?

AND
THAT'S
SOME!



I THINK
A COMBINED
CITIZEN MIGHT
HELP US OUT
ETERN.

HUH?

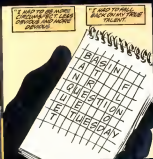
"MY JAGGED" WAS
PRED-ADLD

"TO IN THOUGH HIM
AND CONSIDERED
HIM

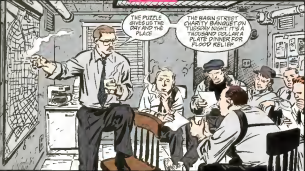


"I HAD TO BE MORE
CIRCUMFECT. LESS
DEVICES, AND MORE
REVISED

"I HAD TO FALL
BACK ON MY TRUE
TALENT



GABATING



THE PUZZLE
GIVES US THE
DAY AND THE
PLACE

THE BASH STREET
CHARITY BANQUET ON
TUESDAY NIGHT IT'S A
THOUSAND DOLLAR A
PLATE DINNER FOR
FLOOD RELIEF



YOU ALL HAVE
YOUR ASSIGNMENTS
I WANT YOU TO STAY
SHARP AND KEEP
YOUR EYES OPEN

THE CREAM OF
BOTHAM SOCIETY'S
THERE THE ONES
WHO DECIDE THE
POLICE BUDGET



YOU GOT BASH
AND GORDON AND
CARLYLE AVENUE
COVERED LOOT

BUT
NOBODY'S
WATCHING
THE ROOF



YOU JUST
WATCH YOUR
CORNER, FRITZ

ANYBODY
HAS ANY OTHER
QUESTIONS
I'LL BE AT
KILLINGER'S
GETTING DRESSED
FOR A TUX



GORDON'S LEAVING
THE ROOF MADE
OPEN STAN

MADE FLY-UP
WITH HERBY
FRITZ

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED TO
MEAN?





WONDER YOU
WOLDED LOVE

I'M NOT SURE
WHICH IS WORSE --
STRAGGLING IN THIS
COLLAR OR DYING
FOR A CIGARETTE

SINCE WE'RE
TALKING, I
SUPPOSE YOU
WOULDN'T SEE
ANYTHING?



NOT A SIGN

AND THE LIMOS
ARE STARTING TO
PULL UP TO TAKE
OUR GUESTS
AWAY!



HE THROWS A
CURVE THIS TIME. HE'S
PROBABLY WATCHING ON
TV AND HOWLING.

SAYED, BUT
HE'S PROBABLY
TWO DECADES
OLD.

MEANING?



THE RIPPERS
WANTED TO PROVE
HE'S SANGUINE
THAN WE ARE.

A SIMPLE FALSE
ALARM WOULDN'T
SATISFY HIM.
MAYBE THAT IS A
SPYGLASS
FOR US.



A RIPPY I BUT THE
PUZZLE. IT POINTS TO
THE BANQUET.

WELL, WOULD
YOU BE SURPRISED
TO HEAR
THAT?

WMP?

YOU SAID
"BANQUET"?

HOLD
ON...

ARE YOU
STILL THERE?

THE PHONE
STILL WORKS

BUT NOT
THE WAY WE
THOUGHT

HE THREW
US A BEHIND-
SCENES
LEUTENANT

I'M GOING
OFF-LINE

BUT WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

RADIO
SCAN POLICE
FREQUENCIES

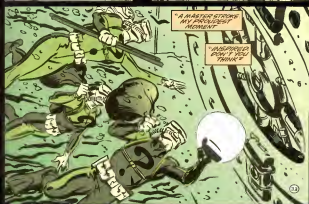
...RECOGNIZING
THE POLICE
BREAK-IN...

...JUST WHEN
EVERYONE
WAS ASLEEP...

...LARGE
CONFERENCE
AT 12:00 AND
12:30...

...BUT THE
POLICE
WASN'T
HERE...

GOTCHA





"THE PRESIDENT'S
STREET CASH
DEPOSITORY"

"A HUNDREDS
OF MILLION"



"THE VIOLET WAS
STATE-OF-THE-ART
AND IMPREGNABLE"

"THE LOCK ACTED ON TENSILE
DESIGN AND PRESSURE
BALANCE"

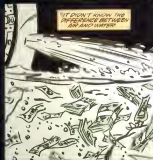


"WHEN THE
VIOLET WAS
AN AIRLESS
VACUUM"



"THE DOOR COULDN'T OPEN
UNTIL THE PRESSURE ON BOTH
SIDES OF THE DOOR WAS EQUAL"

"BUT THE SYSTEM
HAD FAILED"

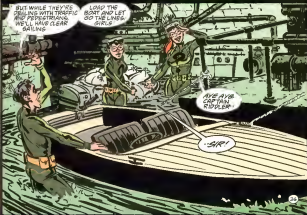


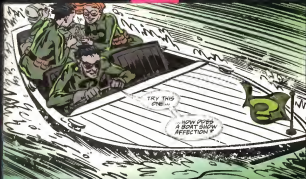
"IT DIDN'T KNOW THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
AIR AND WATER"



"A ROOM
OF CASH"









"I HEARD HE SPOKE
LIKE A FLYING RAT TO
PUT THE SCARE INTO
EVERYBODY."



"HE FIGURES HE CAN
FIGHTEN HIS ENEMIES
INTO SUBMISSION."



"AVOIDING
ROBINS."







AND THE TWO MEN THAT
WAS LEFT IN THE MOUNT
WEREN'T IMPETUOUS

GO
AWAY!

NO!
NO!
NO!



AFTER EXPENSES
AND A THREE-WAY
SPOT OF LOVE!



4, GIRL,
I WAS JUST.

LAW - LAW

DRIVING
OFF YOUR
SPARKS

BUT BEYOND THE MONEY AND THE SATISFACTION AND JOYDIDDAG, THE REDEMPTION SCORE HAD GAINED AS ONE OTHER PRECIOUS COMMODITY...

"CEREMONY"

THE CEREMONIAL JOB WAS SIMPLE: RIDDLEE HAD THE COIN GOIN' TOWYD TURVY

LET'S HEAR YOUR LATEST WE ASSESS' THROW IN

KIDNAPPING

SOME PRANKED LITTLE CHILDREN, EASY TO TRANSPORT AND CONCEAL

THE RANDOM WOULD BE IN THE AVIATIONS

I'M SUTTA MERS

NO KIDNATCHES FEELS CREVE YOU UP FOR GOIN' ON THEM

EVERYBODY GETS BURNED ON A RANDOM PORE

THAT A PILL-BOYS

THESE BIRDS ARE OVER FOUR HUNDRED YEARS OLD



WASNT ANOTHER INSTRUMENT? DOESNT TELL THE TRUTH?

HOW DO YOU SURE? AND AN OTHER ABOVE IT?

WHY DID THE COMPASS GET WASHED AWAY TELEVISION?



THEY WERE GIVING ME A OUT-ALONG

WHEN DID YOU RECEIVE THIS?

IT WAS DELIVERED THIS EVENING. THE BOMB SQUAD TOOK AN HOUR TO CLEAR IT.



COULD BE A MUSIC-RELATED CRIME OR ANOTHER PIVOTAL TACTIC

HE'S GETTING COCKY. MAYBE I SHOULD PURSUE THE OBVIOUS.



THAT'S AS GOOD AS

LIEUTENANT THE BOMB SQUAD CLEARED THE OTHER PART OF THE PACKAGE



SHOULD WE HOLD HIM OR READ HIM HIS RIGHTS?



NOT MY BUSINESS...



THEY ARE MADE FOR THE HANDS OF THE WORLD'S FINEST MUSICIANS.

ONE SIDE!



SOME ARE WORTH A MILLION OR MORE, HAN?



NO!

THAT HAN AMATI... IT IS THREE CENTURIES...



"DROPS?"



"WHEN YOU COME TO YOU'D BETTER HUNT UP YOUR CHECKBOOK"

"I'LL BE IN TOUCH"

"IT WENT OFF LIKE A SYMPHONY"

"THE SECOND MOVEMENT WAS MORE DISCREET HOWEVER"

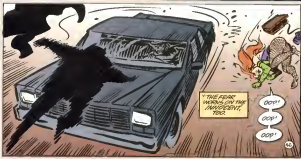


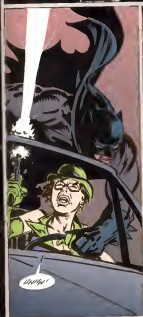
"AS LONG AS THAT TURKEY LITTLE HEYWOOD HADN'T GONE TO THE POLICE IT WOULD ALL GO SMOOTHLY"

"FIRST THE CASE"

"THEN THE FIDDLERS"













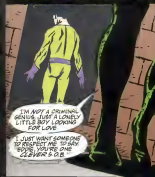
IT WASN'T
THE MACHINERY I
WANTED

IT WASN'T
THE ACTION I
BOUGHT

I JUST
LIKE THE
ATTENTION



BUT NOT
LONG THAT





NOTHING
TO SAY?

AND
SMART LIFTED
POP-PSYCH
REJUVINATOR?



NO SHARP
JERSEYMAN?!

I TOLD YOU
MISTER! I
ANSWERED
YOUR QUESTIONS!
I'VE SAID
MYSELF
ENOUGH!



I'M NOT
A F*CKIN'
ANY MORE!

I'M NOT
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ANY MORE!



HUH?

LESSON'S
OVER, BOYS!

